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## DOING ONE THING WELL.

Edison's life motto has been: "This one thing I know—electricity."

Confining himself to that one thing, he has taken out a thousand successful patents, while millions of men knowing a little of everything, or imagining they do, have accomplished little.

Beecher, the greatest preacher of his century, had this motto: "This one thing I do." His mighty achievement was possible only by turning all his energies and interests into one channel.

Goethe's rule for success was very much the same: "Whatever thou art, be all there."

There is a sort of intellectual chemistry which is quite as marvelous as material chemistry, and a thousand times more difficult to control.

Every ingredient—every new study, every new fact, every new thought—affects the whole character of the mind. Everything we learn not merely adds to our store of information, but changes the mind's quality.

The mere addition of knowledge may be good for us or bad for us. Whether it will be good or bad depends on the relation which the knowledge bears to the work we have to do. If it intensifies our interest in our work and increases our efficiency in it, it is good for us; but if it diverts from our business in life and so decreases efficiency, it is bad for us. Men are qualified for their work by knowledge, but they are also negatively qualified for it by ignorance.

Nature herself appears to take care that we do not know too much that does not concern us. We are bound to a little planet and hindered by impassable gulfs of space from wandering in stars where we have no business. If we have any kind of efficiency, it is owing chiefly to concentration of our minds upon the lines of knowledge necessary to our work and to the directness of purpose which is favorable to a powerful individuality.

The objectionable seeking after knowledge is the seeking after the knowledge which does not belong to us. It is possible for us to be like that foolish camel in the Hebrew proverb, which in going to seek horns lost his ears.

The history of every successful man can be summed up in one sentence: He knew one thing well.

Success is an absolute mastery of the single thing in hand.

The rulers in Europe have found one thing on which all of them agree. Kaiser Wilhelm advises his armies and countrymen generally that "we are facing a new year, with all its grand possibilities, and with God's help we will continue to fight," etc. Emperor Francis Joseph confesses that Austria is facing a new year, and, "with God's help, will continue to battle for the right." The French president also fesses up to "facing a new year, which will, with God's help, be made glorious," etc. So say they, all of them except the czar, who rules over a country where the New Year and Christmas are tangled up and have not yet arrived. However, he will soon be "facing a new year," when, by God's help, the great bear will do things, too.

With this issue Col. J. H. Cradlebaugh retires from the staff of the Daily Capital Journal, after many years of faithful and efficient service. He is a writer of marked ability, a newspaper man of long and varied experience, and withal a genial gentleman with whom it is always a pleasure to be associated. The management of the Capital Journal regrets to lose the services of Colonel Cradlebaugh, and whatever he may engage in, or wherever his lot may be cast in the future, the sincere wish of this paper is that his lines may be cast in pleasant places and that success and prosperity may crown his endeavors.

Emperor Francis Joseph is rumored to be near death, but despite his age he will probably outlive many of his younger subjects now at the front and in the best of health. Death is no respecter of youth or age if he gets them at the front as targets for each other.

In the general economy of life it is about a square deal between the original producer and the ultimate consumer. It is the fellows that work in between them that musses up all the economic calculations.

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New Year resolutions do not seem so ardently desirable a thing to many about this time, especially those who laid away the old pipe yesterday with the solemn vow: "Never again." Haunting visions of curling wreaths of smoke and a sort of feeling of "I don't believe tobacco used moderately ever hurt anyone" are but the holding of the primaries, but they indicate what the general election will bring about in a day or two. The first smoke taken surreptitiously after a swear-off is one of the most delightful sensations in the world. It is not necessary, however, to suggest to those on the smokeless wagon to try it, as they will attend to that part of it without assistance.

The poisoning of Mrs. Rogers (the brevet), who took bichloride of mercury and gave some of it to her children, of whom Mr. Rogers is the father though not her husband, brings out one of those unaccountable traits in humanity that are inexplicable. This woman finds fault with the real Mrs. Rogers because she refused to divorce her husband so he could marry and legitimize his children. She having taken the other woman's husband, finds fault with her for not assisting her in the robbery. She loses sight entirely of the wrong she did the wife and thinks only of what she is pleased to call her own wrongs at the hands of the other woman.

Those German raids have set England's nerves on edge and Englishmen are seeing things at all times and in all places. Now every bale of cotton or big box is subjected to the X-ray, as explosives, spies or something is supposed to be concealed in them. While thus attending to the trifles and detail, they forgot to keep tab on an island right under their noses where a German prince operated a naval base and wireless station. They also forgot to have steam up in some of their battleships when the German fleet came down on the coast. This is of that policy which is called "penny wise and pound foolish."

A Chicago professor has discovered, or says he has, that "starvation is painless." The same statement is made by some dentists about pulling teeth, but that is no reason the general public should be in a hurry to prove or disprove either statement. If some four-eyed specialist will now also discover that starvation is pleasurable and desirable, it will go a long way toward solving the problem of the unemployed.

An Illinois man has discovered that when he married the ceremony was performed in another county than that in which the certificate was issued, and so wants his marriage set aside so he can wed another woman. What he really needs is to bring suit in any old county to quiet title to himself.

Arizona banishing booze and at the same time swept by a flood is surely reaching for the limelight. Either of these things, in Arizona, are enough to make the balance of the country sit up and take notice, but, coming together, they are almost too much for belief.

When those Oregon cayuses reach France and are mounted by the unwary French cavalryman, there will be stunts doing that will make Pendleton's Round-up seem as dull as a pie-eating contest to an old toper.

Arizona has gone dry with a great flourish of glasses, and champagne flowing like beer, but it is safe to say the Mexican side of the border will soon go correspondingly wet.

Ghent is reported as being not busy just now and no doubt would welcome the making of another treaty within her precincts.

## THE ROUND-UP

While firemen wrestled with frozen water pipes, flames destroyed the Sullivan and Barry stable in Lakewood Tuesday, and for a while threatened the town.

Portland city employees were given a holiday New Years with full pay. Commissioner Brewster objected, but then his pay went on anyway.

The Portland Commercial club, through Senator Chamberlain, has invited President Wilson to visit Portland on his proposed trip to the coast.

Senator Smith, of Coos County, will try to put through a new tax law at the coming session of the legislature.

The J. H. Chambers mill at Cottage Grove, which has laid idle for some time, will resume operations within the next 10 days.

The Bank of Oregon and First National of North Bend, have consolidated. The new bank will be known as the First National.

A feature of a Portland wedding Thursday night was a wedding cake 44 years old. It was made in Michigan, has been kept in a metal box, and never been cut. It will be kept for future weddings.

It is claimed the bridge across the Columbia at Vancouver will be the greatest highway span in America. It will require 10,000 tons of steel, cost \$1,700,000, have a length exceeding three miles a width of 42½ feet and is estimated will last 50 years. Bids for its construction will be opened in February.

The Benton County tax levy for 1915 is 13½ mills—added to this is a 3 mill road tax. The assessed valuation of

## Toil and Talk

If talk would make the wheels go round, we'd never have hard times; in all our purses would be found a large supply of alms; but talk will never till the earth, or grind a sack of meal; an ounce of elbow grease is worth a hundred tons of spiel. The most of us are easy markers; our hard-earned coin is flung into the hands of soulless sharks who wield the silver tongue. We'd hate to lend a pair of bones to some one living near, or Neighbor Smith or Neighbor Jones, whose record's clean and clear; but when the faker cheerful man, is windily abroad we dig from the tomato can our ancient hoarded wad, and hand it to him with a smile, then set to work with vim to raise an other goodly pile for t'other Windy Jim. Upon your industry depend, be honest, earnest, brave; you'll always be your own best friend, if you will work and save. The promises of windy lads in politics or trade won't bring you honor peace or seeds, or see your due bills paid. The man who brings your load of coal and sees it safely binned, is better than the sunny soul who only brings you wind.



Copyright, 1914 by Adams Press, Portland, Ore. A woman never has much confidence in a grocer unless he belongs to the same church she does.

The county is \$12,303,708. The tax this year is .8 of a mill higher than last year.

## HUBBARD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Ott and children, of Silverton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ott returned Monday to their home at Dufur after spending their holiday with Hubbard relatives and friends.

Matthew Raes, whose home is near Aurora, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Raes, and family.

Messrs. George and Harry Clason came up from Portland on Monday of this week for a few days' visit with their uncle, M. E. Clason, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hershberger spent Christmas with relatives at Albany at the home of O. W. King. D. W. came home Monday to look after business, while Mrs. Hershberger prolonged her stay throughout the week.

Mrs. R. W. Baker and son, Ralph, of Lewis Beach, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woodhouse and children, Leonard and Howard, spent the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. R. Kramling, at the family home one mile northeast of town. They returned to their homes Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moorman and family, formerly of Hubbard, spent Christmas at the J. C. Moorman home. They left Monday morning for California to make their future home, going there for the health of their daughter, who has asthma.

Mr. M. Gotwald and Miss Katherine Yoder were married at the bride's home at Smyrna Wednesday evening, December 30, at 8 o'clock, in the presence of a few invited guests together with the families of the contracting parties. Rev. Butler officiated.—Hubbard Enterprise.

## TURNER NEWS NOTES

(Capital Journal Special Service.)  
Turner, Ore., Jan. 2.—Veneta and Geneva Earl visited with their parents in Turner during the holidays.

M. O. Pearson spent Sunday in Marion.

Quay Wasson made a business trip to Salem Monday.

Mrs. E. C. Baker is visiting with her children in Astoria.

Roy Wasson was a Turner visitor Monday.

The Norbert case, in the county court, attracted the attention of many Turner people Monday and Tuesday.

The Christmas dance at the Masonic hall was well attended by the Turner young folks.

Julius Moss is visiting with P. T. Wood and family.

Emory M. Howe has returned from Roseburg in a much improved condition.

Leater Smith and wife are visiting with M. O. Knight.

Alma Baker is spending the holidays at home with her parents.

V. H. Dennis of the V. B. Dennis Construction company, has holders of the contract to construct the Turner water system, was a Turner visitor Tuesday and Wednesday.

The city council met Tuesday evening and authorized the city attorney to commence action against H. R. Crawford for damages, sustained by his recent suit against the city, which was dismissed.

A delightful watch party was given by Mayor Booth at his home New Year's eve.

George Cornelius returned to his home in Colfax, Wash., Friday, after spending the holidays with his parents.

Tom Cook and family returned to eastern Oregon after spending the holidays with relatives at Turner.

Mayor G. F. Booth and wife visited in Jefferson Thursday.

Prod Moore visited at the Gray home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beck visited with their son in Eugene the past week.

Gerald Gower is visiting with H. A. Tolson and family.

## STAYTON NEWS

The pupils of the Kingston school surprised their teacher, Miss Ruth Fuson, with a Christmas program on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24, which was well learned and well rendered and did honor to the school and teacher.

Two showers were given in honor of the approaching wedding of Miss Esther Nendel this week one at the young lady's home and one at the home of Mrs. Ward Holford. Many beautiful presents were received by the bride-elect.

L. C. Payne, proprietor of the Stayton Steam Laundry closed his plant this week for an indefinite time. He gave as a reason insufficient patronage for the expenses necessary. The laundry may open at a later date.

Rev. H. E. Russell of the Christian church has accepted a call to the ministry from the Dallas and preached his last Sunday sermon Sunday evening. He will preach again at the annual business meeting of the church to be held Friday, Jan. 1, 1915. This will be an all-day meeting and basket lunch will be served at noon to members and friends of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Korinek and little son Karl Dr. and Mrs. George Korinek were passengers to Portland Thursday morning where they spent Christmas Day and the week-end at the home of Mrs. George Ewen. Grandma Korinek returned with the party Monday evening. Dr. George remained in the city and later motored over in his new runabout.

James Cain was born in the province of Quebec, on Aug. 29, 1834 and was 80 years of age at his death December 27th. After coming to the United States he lived in New York, California and Oregon. In 1882 he returned to his native home and on January 26 of that year was married to Almira Scrivner Stacy. In 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Cain moved to Stayton where they have lived since that time. Funeral services were held at the residence at 10 a. m. Tuesday morning by Rev. L. W. Chandler of the Methodist church of this city assisted by music by a male quartet.—Stayton Mail.

A pessimist's heart probably looks like a dried apple.

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